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Thomas Fleming, Burgess of Perth

Testament, 26 April 1570 – partial transcription and summary

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Item	Detail
Deceased	Thomas Flemyng, burges of Perth (marginal heading "Thomas Flemyng, burges of Perth … 1570").
Record	Image 113 (lower half) to image 114: "The testament testamentar and inventar of the guidis geir sowmes of money and debtis pertening to vmqle Thomas Flemyng burges of Perth …", with debts and a "Latter will and legacie". Image 115: the ratification clause of the Commissaries, and, below it, a SECOND heading, "The testament datiue and inventar …" of a Thomas Flemyng, with the same marginal date. See the note on this below.
Date of death	"in the moneth of [Decembr?]" of a year I read as [Jm vc lxix?] – doubtful.
Confirmation	Marginal note: "vigesimo sexto aprilis 1570" (26 April 1570), on images 113 and 115.
Executors named	In the will (image 114): sons [Johne?] Flemyng and [Patrik?] Flemyng, and others I could not read. On image 115 the second entry names "Elizabeth Flemyng his onlie dochter". All doubtful.
Commissaries	"Mr [Edward? Robert?] [Henrysone? Maitland?] … Commissaris of Edinburgh specialie constitut for confirmatioun of testamentis" [names doubtful].
Marginal notes	"Compositio / Quota …" (images 113 and 115); "Gratis" and a word beginning "Debita" (image 114).
Conventions	Original spelling kept; abbreviations not expanded; [square brackets] = doubtful reading; [?] = word or figure I could not read; [illegible]. The hand is a very rapid secretary hand, faint in places, with several lines overwritten by show-through from the reverse. The transcription is therefore partial and tentative, and no sum could be read with confidence. Nothing can be read with confidence on this one!

1. Summary and identification

What this is. A testament of Thomas Fleming, burgess of Perth, confirmed by the Commissaries of Edinburgh in April 1570. The document has an inventory of goods, a list of debts owing to him and by him, and a will ("Latter will and legacie") in which he makes his testament "seik in bodie and haill in spreit" and leaves his soul to Almighty God. A further heading on image 115 then introduces what appears to be a separate testament dative of a Thomas Flemyng, with a daughter Elizabeth as executor.

Executors, legatees, debts

- **Executors:** not reliably read for the first entry (the will appears to name [Johne?] Flemyng and ~~[Patrik?] Flemyng~~, ~~apparently sons~~, and a Cuik [Cok?] or similar). For the second entry on image 115: Elizabeth Flemyng, "his onlie dochter", apparently executor.
- **Legatees:** the will (image 114) leaves bequests to persons whom I read as "Johne Flemyng [my sone?]" and ~~"Patrik Flemyng [my sone?]",~~ and mentions "my [airschip?]" and the division of the goods "as the law will"; I could not read the details.
- **Debts owing to the deceased:** a list on image 114, apparently mainly for malt and grain from lands I read as "Balhousie" and "Craigie" [?] (or similar), with debtors including Walter [Cuik?], Johne [?], William [Hall?], Thomas [?] and a Michael [?]. Names and sums doubtful.
- **Debts owing by the deceased:** a short list on image 114; creditors not read.

Identifying the deceased

- **Place:** burgess of Perth, so he was probably a Perth merchant or craftsman. The testament was nevertheless confirmed at Edinburgh; the register does not say why in the passages I could read.
- **Family:** sons Johne and [Patrik?], and possibly a daughter Elizabeth Flemyng (image 115, second entry).
- **Land names:** the grain and malt debts relate to lands in the Perth area [Balhousie, Craigie? readings doubtful], which supports a Perth-based household.
- **Date:** Death in [December 1569?]; confirmation 26 April 1570.
- **Caution on the second entry:** I cannot tell from my reading whether the second heading on image 115 is the same man (for instance an additional or replacement dative) or a different Thomas Flemyng, since it carries the same marginal date. Please check this on the original.

2. Contents and values

Scots money. The numerals are very cursive and I could not read them reliably, so no sums are given.

Item	Particulars	Value (Scots)
Inventory (image 113)	Goods and gear "eftirfollowing"; includes grain with a price "the boll" and entries such as "estimat to …" (repeated)	[illegible]
Summa of the Inventar	Image 113, foot	[illegible] (begins "j^c … li"?)
Debts awand to the deid	Image 114; malt and grain from the lands of [Balhousie?] and [Craigie?]	[illegible]
Summa of the debts awand to the deid; Summa of the Inventar and debts	Image 114	[illegible]
Debts awand be the deid	Image 114	[illegible]
Second entry (image 115): inventory, debts and totals	Heading "The testament datiue and inventar …"	[illegible]

Please check all figures on images 113–115.

3. Images and transcription

Reading order: 113, 114, 115. Line breaks are approximate; passages that belong to other estates are summarised in square brackets.

Image 113 – Image 113: end of preceding estate; heading of the testament testamentar

1570 Flemyng, Thomas (Wills and testaments Reference CC8/8/2, Edinburgh Commissary Court) Image 113 Last image 115
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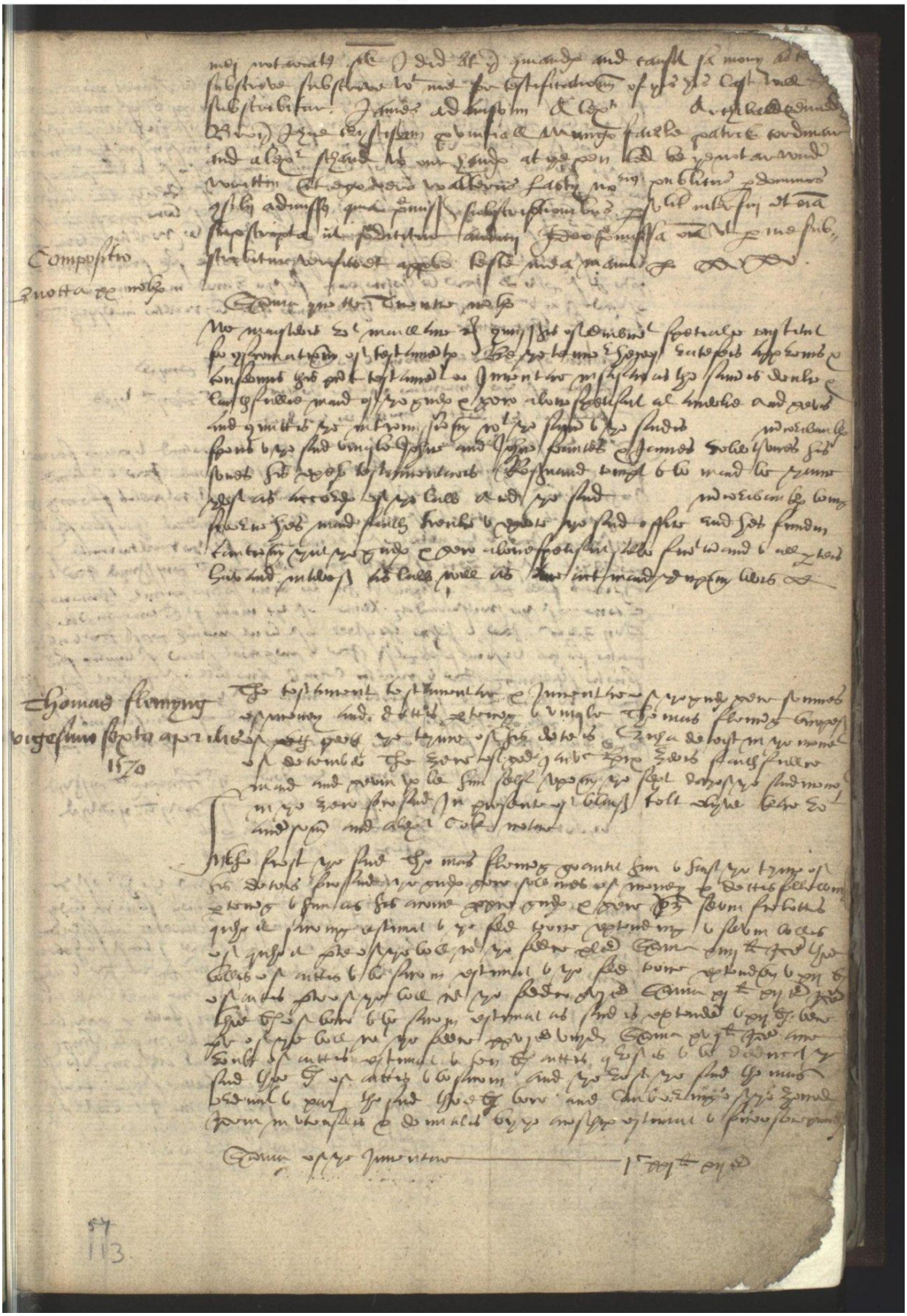


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Transcription (partial)

[Top of page: the end of the confirmation of a preceding estate, naming (partly legible) James Adamson, Patrik Cardman and an Alexander [?]; it ends "… the said … [?]" and, in the margin, "Compositio / Quota [?]". Not transcribed in full.]

[Next: ratification clause of the Edinburgh Commissaries for that estate:]
We Mr [?] [?] Commissaris of Edinburgh specialie constitut
for confirmatioun of testamentis ... [?] ... the said testament & inventar
insafar as the samyn is dewlie & lawfullie maid of the guidis & geir
abonewrittin allanerlie ... [?] ... committ the intromissioun ... to [?]
... [?] ... hes maid faith & fundin cautioun ...

[margin: Thomas flemyng / burges of Perth / vigesimo sexto aprilis / 1570]
The testament testamentar & inventar of the guidis geir sowmes
of money and debtis pertening to vmqle Thomas flemyng burges of Perth
the tyme of his deceis Quha deceist in the moneth
of [Decembr?] the yeir of God Jm vc [lxix?] yeiris faithfullie
maid and gevin vp be him self [vpon?] the [?] day of [?]
in the yeir foirsaid in presens of [?] ... and [Alex? Cok?] notar [?]

Inventar
Item the said Thomas flemyng grantit him to haif the tyme of
his deceis foirsaid the guidis geir sowmes of money & debtis eftirfollowing
[viz?] ... [?] ... estimat ... [?] ... [?]
... [?] ... the boll ... [?] ... [?] ... estimat to ... [?]
... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... estimat ...
[Several further lines of items and prices not legible.]

Summa of the Inventar ——— [illegible]

Image 114 – Image 114: debts, and latter will

1570 Flemyng, Thomas (Wills and testaments Reference CC8/8/2, Edinburgh Commissary Court) Image 114 Last image 115
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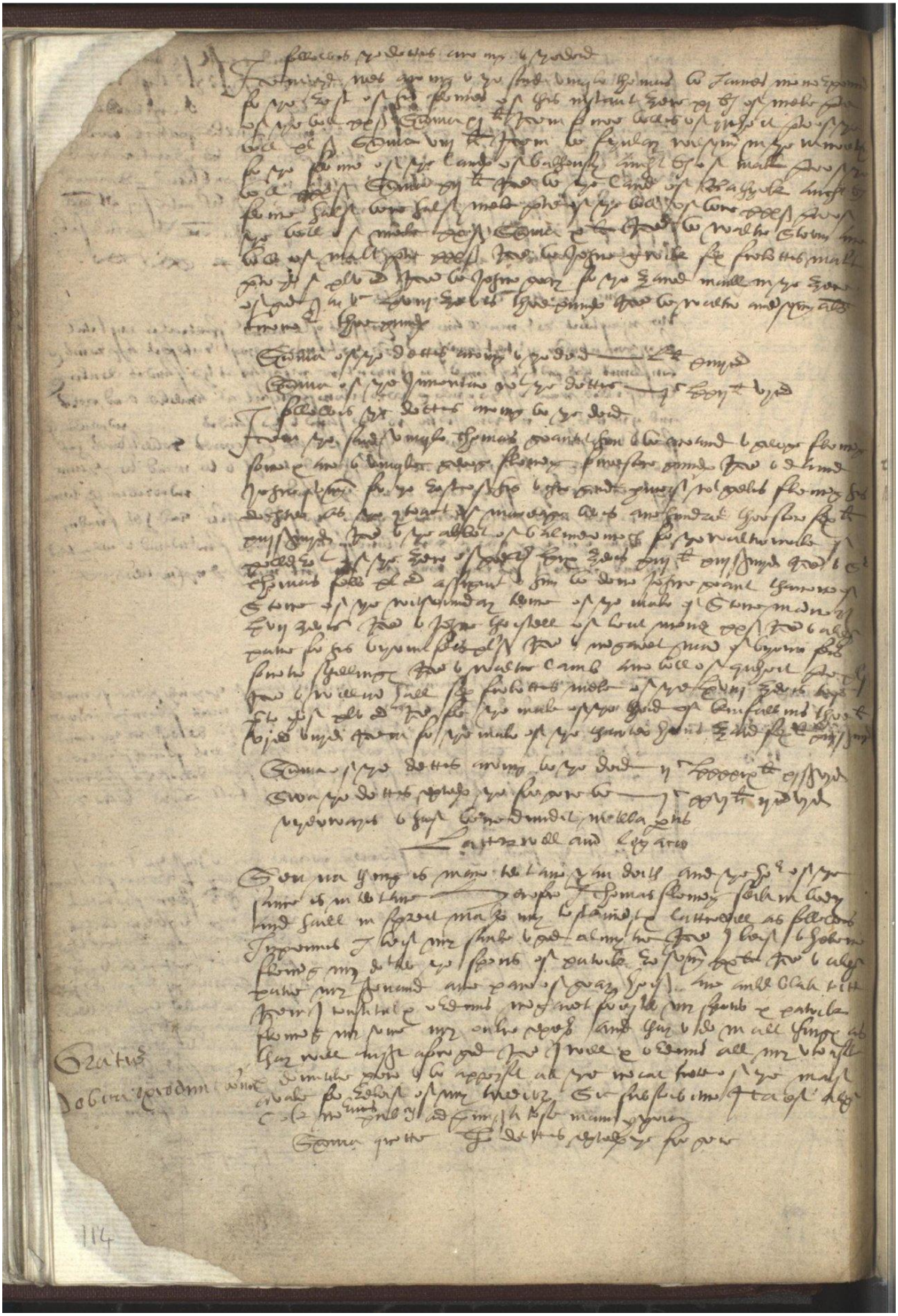


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Transcription (partial)

[?] ... the debtis awand to the deid [?] ... [?]
Item [?] ... the said vmqle Thomas ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... in the
[?] ... of the landis of [Balhousie?] ... [?] ... the maltmen [?]
... [?] ... the landis of [Craigie?] ... [?] ... malt ... [?]
... [?] ... Walter [Cuik?] ... [?] ... [?] ... the boll of malt
... Johne [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... the Ilk [?] ... [?]

Summa of the debtis awand to the deid ——— [illegible]
Summa of the Inventar and debtis ——— [illegible]

Followis the debtis awand be the deid
Item the said vmqle Thomas ... awand to ... Flemyng [?] ... [?]
[?] ... [?] ... [?] ... Walter [?] ... Johne [?] ... William [Hall?] ...
Thomas [?] ... Michael [?] ... [?]

Summa of the debtis awand be the deid ——— [illegible]
Rest frie geir ... [illegible] [?]

Latter will and legacie
I Thomas flemyng burges in Perth seik in bodie and haill in spreit
makis my testament and latter will as followis [?]
Inprimis I leif my saul to god almychtie ... [?]
[?] ... **I leif to Johne flemyng** ... [?] this line ends in an amount (20 pounds plus)
... [Patrik?] ... [?] I cannot see any reference to a Patrick
... [?] ... executoris ... [?] ... [?] ... all my [?] ...
[margin: Gratis / Debita ...]

Summa [?] ... of the debtis ... [?]

Image 115 – Image 115: ratification clause; second heading (testament datiue?)

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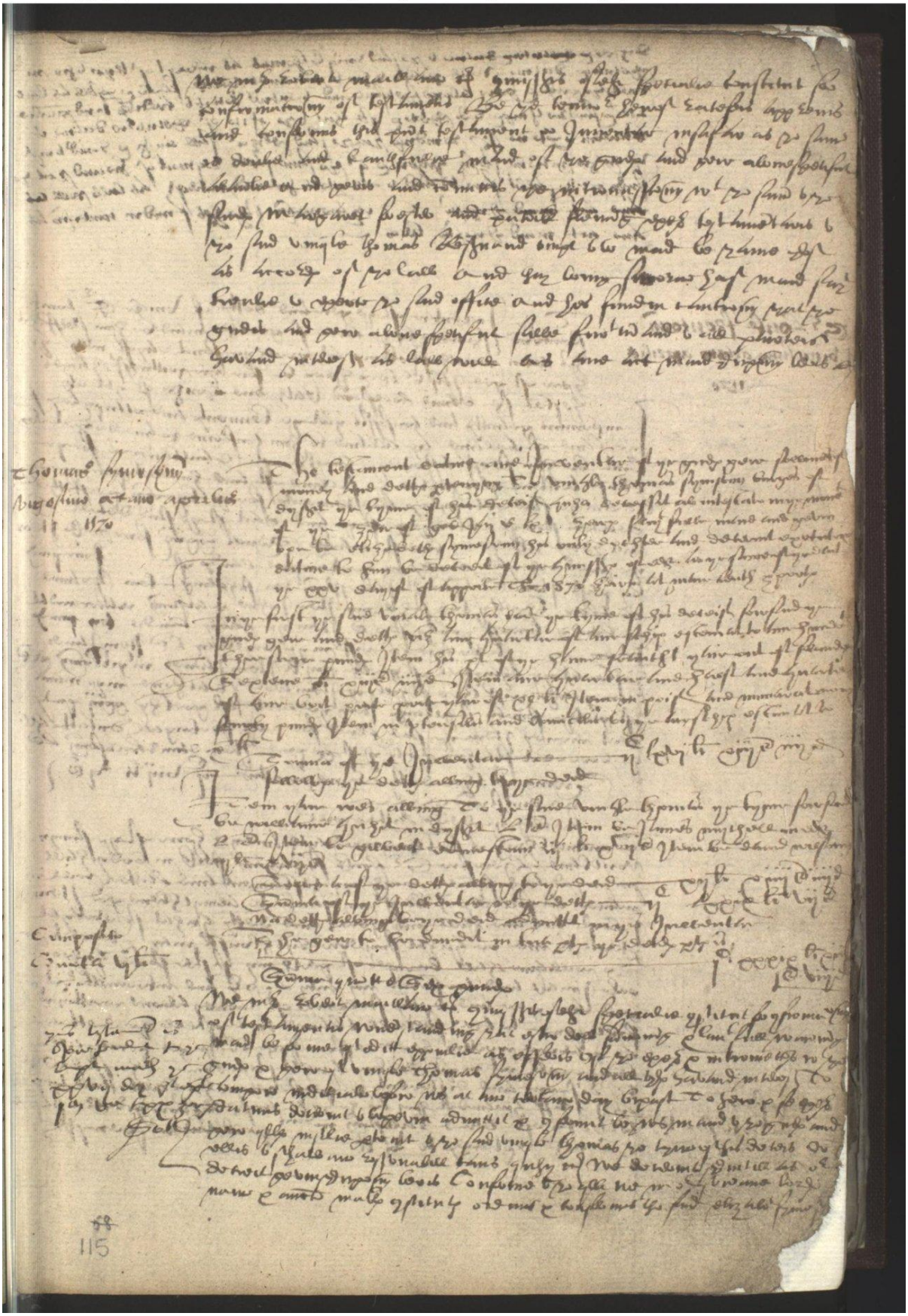


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Transcription (partial)

We Mr [?] [?] Commissaris of Edinburgh specialie constitut for
confirmatioun of testamentis ... [?] ... ratifie approve & confirme the said
testament & inventar insafar as the samyn is dewlie & lawfullie maid of the
guidis & geir abonewrittin allanerlie ... [?] ... [?] ... hes maid
faith & fundin cautioun ... [?] ... the said vmqle Thomas ... [?]
... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ...

[margin: Thomas flemyng / vigesimo sexto aprilis / 1570]
The testament datiue & inventar of the guidis geir sowmes of
money & debtis pertening to vmqle Thomas flemyng [burges of Perth?] Quha
deceist ... [?] ... the day of [?] ... Jm vc [lxx?] yeiris faithfullie maid and gevin
vp be Elizabeth [flemyng] his onlie dochter ... [?] ... [executrix?] ... [?]
I don't think Elizabeth's surname is Fleming. It looks like shynneshxxx

Inventar
Item the said vmqle Thomas had the tyme of his deceis foirsaid
the guidis geir & debtis eftirfollowing [viz?] ... [?] ...
... [?] ... [?] ... estimat ... [?]

Summa of the Inventar ——— [illegible]
[Debtis awand to the deid: ... Item ... [?] ...]
Summa of the debtis awand to the deid ——— [illegible]
Summa of the Inventar & debtis ——— [illegible]
[Debtis awand be the deid: ... Item ... [?] ...]
[margin: Compositio / Quota [?] ...] ——— [illegible]

We Mr [?] [?] Commissaris of Edinburgh specialie constitut ...
... [?] ... confirme ... [?] ... the said vmqle Thomas ... [?]
... committ ... the intromissioun ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ... the said
Elizabeth Flemyng ... [?] ... [?] ... [?] ...
Claude has resorted to guesswork for this one. I can't see any reference to a Fleming near the end, let alone an Elizabeth Fleming.

4. Readings to check

- Year of death (I read "Jm vc [lxix?]") and the month ([Decembr?]).
- Names of the Commissaries and of the executors, and whether "Johne" and "Patrik" are called sons.
- The place names "Balhousie" and "Craigie" in the debt list (image 114).
- Whether the second heading on image 115 is a separate testament dative of the same man (Elizabeth Flemyng as executrix) or of another Thomas Flemyng.
- All sums and totals (none read).
- The marginal notes on image 114 ("Gratis", "Debita ...").